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**SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS**

IMMIGRATION STUDY/CONSENSUS OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

How do you really feel about immigration?
On what do you base your opinion? Have you
read the Immigration Study information on
the League website, www.lwv.org?

The LWVUS Immigration Committee has
done a remarkable job in researching
information to help Leagues become informed
and be able to come to consensus on this
controversial issue. The October "National
Voter" Pages 11 and 12 have some high points
that will help in the immigration discussion.
Besides the committee's information on the
LWV's website, you may also access the
National Voter's articles. On the first page at
the bottom right you can click on National
Voter, and read the two articles. Also you can
access a February discussion of Immigration
under Library.

Our Huntington Area League will meet on
October 15 and again on November 17 at 7:00
p.m. at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church
to discuss this issue. Please be thinking about:

What criteria should Federal Immigration
laws consider?

What should be our top three priorities?

How should we treat unauthorized
immigrants currently in the U.S.?

Should we require ID cards of all
residents?

Read the materials and come prepared to
join in what promises to be a lively discussion,
led by Giovanna Deveny. We will send our
final consensus report to the LWVUS which
will accumulate responses from Leagues
throughout the country. These reports will
form the basis for a position for taking action
on Immigration. Grassroots agreement on

positions is one of the League's greatest
strengths.

RUNNING FOR OFFICE

The Huntington League will sponsor a
workshop for those who are considering
running for office in 2008. The meeting will
be on November 6, 7 pm, Enslow Park
Presbyterian Church. The program will
include campaign finance regulations and
reports, presented by the Cabell County
Clerk Karen Cole; and How to Run a
Campaign, by several speakers. Betty Barrett
will moderate the meeting.

Please circulate this information to all of
those who might be interested in running for
office.

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Thanks to Rose Riter for preparing an
update on this flyer. She left flyers at the
downtown library for distribution to the
branch libraries. As soon as the flyers were
printed, several officials announced their
resignations. Please make the following
changes: Magistrate- Brenda Chapman
retired and John McCallister was appointed
to the vacant position. City Council - Brandi
Jacobs Jones resigned and was appointed to
be the Director of Administration and
Finance for the City of Huntington.

FINANCE DRIVE

Thanks to Virginia Hensley for sending the letters to
prospective contributors to the Huntington League.
We depend on contributions from the community to
help finance our projects. Contributions may be made
out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington
Area, and mailed to our treasurer, Ann Speer, 706
Ridgewood Rd. Huntington, WV 25701. For the

contribution to be tax deductible it must be made out to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

HUNTINGTON'S HOUSING PROGRAMS

Carole Boster provided the following information about the housing funds that the City of Huntington receives from the federal government. Community Development Grant (CDBG), Home Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) receive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order to receive these funds it signs numerous certifications including one to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. Huntington meets this statutory obligation by having a Human Relations Commission and partially supporting the Commission with some funds from the CDBG program. The rest of the financial support for the Commission comes through HUD's Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP). To qualify for FHAP funds, the city must have a civil rights ordinance that is determined by HUD to be substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988.

Other entities in the city also receive HUD funds. The Huntington Public Housing Authority (PHA) is entirely funded by HUD. The PHA has both public housing units and tenant based Section 8 assistance. Some other housing developments in the city that are privately owned receive what is called site-based Section 8 housing Assistance through HUD's multifamily programs.

After the September League meeting's presentation by Huntington's Human Relations Commission Chair Richard Cobb, the Huntington League's board voted to support amendments to Huntington's ordinance; but the Huntington Council did not vote to send the ordinance on to a second reading. Therefore, we did not submit our statement.

RECOMMENDED READING

The Summer of 1787: The Men who Invented the Constitution by David Stewart. Entertaining and illuminating on how our Constitution was crafted. Describes the personalities and background of those at the Convention of 1787. Explains how decisions were made.

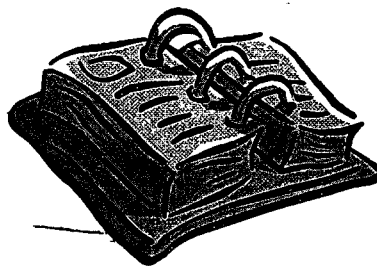
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Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$40 individual, \$55 for two in one household and \$24 for students.

To join, send your check to: Ann Spear,
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LWV Huntington Area
Jane Hustead, Editor

CALENDAR



Oct. 15, 7 pm, League meeting on Immigration, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church

Oct. 22, 11:30 am, Huntington League's board meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

Nov. 1, 7-8 pm, "Health Care for All - A Vision for WV", Speaker, Ron Pollack of the family USA, a national organization for health care consumers, U. of Charleston. More information - 304-346-4402.

Nov. 6, 7 pm, Running for Office workshop, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

PLASTIC BAGS.

It is estimated that the US uses 100 billion plastic bags a year, which take an estimated 12 million barrels of oil to produce. It takes up to 1000 years for plastic bags to break down in the environment. Unfortunately many plastic bags end up in the natural world both on land and waters thus threatening wildlife. Consider reusing your bags rather than throwing them away. Or take the bags to the store to reuse for carrying your purchases home but recycling them when they are no longer usable. Or better yet take a permanent reusable bag to the store. Here are some tips on recycling your bags.

YES to clean and dry grocery bags, retail bags (remove hard plastic and string handles), paper towel and toilet paper wrap, plastic newspaper bags, plastic dry cleaning bags, and all bags labeled with a #2 or #4. Recycle only clean and dry bags. Remove receipts.

NO to food or cling wrap, prepackaged food bags including frozen food bags, pre washed salad bags, no film that has been painted or has excessive glue, no bio-based or compostable plastic bags. (Information from plasticbag recycling.org).

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